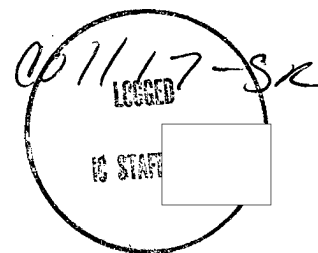


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MEMORANDUM FOR: CMCDS Concept of Operations Working Group

SUBJECT: Community Multilateral Counterterrorist Data System (CMCDS)
Concept of Operations

REFERENCE: My Memo, ICS 7880-88, 3 November 1988, Same Subject

1. The draft CMCDS Concept of Operations distributed with reference was reviewed at an expanded Working Group meeting on 18 November (attendance list at Attachment A). An amended copy of the Concept, indicating specific changes made, is forwarded as Attachment B hereto. Please advise [redacted]

[redacted] if you believe something has been missed or not accurately represented. [redacted]

3. In discussion of prospective groundrules for deployment of National subsystem user terminals, it was proposed that full-service terminals be generally confined to Washington headquarters organizations with an established counterterrorist intelligence production and support mission and capability. A somewhat less restrictive deployment of terminals limited to FLASHBOARD II operations was supported. These views are reflected in the proposed changes to the terminal holder listing (Section III) in the attached revised CONOPS draft. [redacted]

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4. The CONOPS posits the projected FLASHBOARD II and the DESIST-derived data support capabilities of the CMCDS National subsystem as functionally independent and operationally separate. Incorporating both into CMCDS would offer substantial investment and operating cost benefits, insofar as parallel information handling and communications facilities would no longer be required, and terminal hardware could be standardized. In addition, extension to FLASHBOARD II of the security features proposed for CMCDS should permit less restricted use and, thereby, broaden its operational utility. [REDACTED]

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5. As indicated in referenced memorandum, uninterrupted maintenance of an effective FLASHBOARD capability is of high priority. NSA advises that an estimate, requested by NIO/CT, of the costs of rejuvenating/upgrading the current FLASHBOARD system will be made available in early December. These findings may yield an alternative to the foregoing approach or provide a means for maintaining an adequate FLASHBOARD capability on an interim basis until CMCDS comes on-line. [REDACTED]

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6. In addition to work done on the CONOPS, we have been receiving input from the other working groups. The Security Working Group, in particular, has made substantial progress, reaching agreement on all matters addressed thus far. Near term effort will focus on completing determination of system functional and performances characteristics needed for technical assessment of system development requirements and estimation of the resources needed to implement them. LOGICON personnel, who will prepare these estimates, have been participating in working group deliberations and meeting with the group chairpersons and the undersigned toward that end. [REDACTED]

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7. Near term emphasis will also be placed on identifying and specifically defining necessary data dissemination agreements per Section II of the CONOPS. These agreements will be critical to effective system implementation, and will be explicitly stated in the report made to the DDCI at the conclusion of the current system definition effort. While eventual inclusion of literally all relevant CT data in CMCDS is not assumed, we must be able to assure substantial improvement of data base support and related services to justify a formal proposal that the CMCDS National subsystem be implemented. [REDACTED]

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8. We hope to provide a preliminary draft of the subsystem functional definition, i.e. less the technical and cost assessments which will still be in progress, in December for general review by IICT member agencies. Please continue your excellent participation and support. [REDACTED]

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